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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takashi SHIMADA et al.

Serial No. 09/974,823

Group Art Unit: 3694

Confirmation No. 8256

Filed: October 12, 2001

Examiner: Jamie H Swartz

For: BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SUPPORT METHOD AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT  
SUPPORT PROGRAM

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on March 12, 2007.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.